

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A machine for slitting plane packaging blanks includes at least one rotatable slitting roller with at least one knife for producing a front edge slit and/or a rear edge slit in each packaging blank. The knife is sector-shaped, and defined by two knife end edges. A first knife portion adjacent a first knife end edge is adapted to cut the front edge slit out in a front edge of the blank. A second knife portion adjacent a second knife end edge is adapted to cut a rear edge slit out in a rear edge of the blank and rearwards through the rear edge while the blank is advanced through the machine at a uniform speed.